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IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1-14 as follows:

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a4 --1. (Amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction and/or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data recorded thereon, the video data and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal which has undergone addition of an error correction code for error correction and then been modulated in accordance with a modulation rule adapted for the recording medium, the reproduction apparatus comprising:

demodulating means for demodulating data modulated in accordance with the modulation rule;

temporal store means for storing the data demodulated by the demodulating means;

error-correcting means for error-correcting the demodulated data stored in the temporal store means based on the error correction code, the error-corrected data being stored in the temporal store means;

reproducing means for reproducing the superimposed information concerning copying consent from the error-corrected data processed by the error-correcting means and stored in the temporal store means; and

output control means for performing output control of the error-corrected data based on the reproduced information concerning copying consent stored in the temporal store means;

wherein the output control means stops outputting the error-corrected data if both (1) the error-corrected data was reproduced from the medium dedicated to reproduction and (2) the reproduced information concerning copying consent stored in the temporal store means indicates that copying once was permitted.

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2. (Amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 1, wherein the temporal store means is a RAM.

3. (Amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 2, wherein the demodulating means, the error-correcting means, and the copying consent information reproducing means are connected to the RAM.

4. (Amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 3, wherein the RAM is constituted by a single RAM.

5. (Amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 2, wherein the copying consent information reproducing means, the demodulating means, the error-correcting means, and the RAM are integrated in a single semiconductor device.

6. (Amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction and/or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data recorded thereon, the video data and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal which has undergone addition of an error correction code for error correction and then been modulated in accordance with a modulation rule adapted for the recording medium, the reproduction apparatus comprising:

demodulating means for demodulating data modulated in accordance with the modulation rule;

temporal store means for storing the data demodulated by the demodulating means;

error-correcting means for error-correcting the demodulated data stored in the temporal store means based on the error correction code, the error-corrected data being stored in the temporal store means;

reproducing means for reproducing the superimposed information concerning copying consent from the error-corrected data processed by the error-correcting means and stored in the temporal store means; and

means for stopping reproduction of the error-corrected data in accordance with the information concerning copying consent from the copying consent information reproducing means;

wherein the demodulating means, the temporal store means, the error-correcting means, the copying consent information reproducing means, and the reproduction stopping means are integrated in a single semiconductor device; and

wherein the reproduction stopping means stops reproduction of the error-corrected data if both (1) the error-corrected data was reproduced from the medium dedicated to reproduction and (2) the information concerning copying consent from the copying consent information reproducing means indicates that copying once was permitted.

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7. (Amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction and/or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data recorded thereon, the video data and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal which has undergone addition of an error correction code for error correction and then been modulated in accordance with a modulation rule adapted for the recording medium, the reproduction apparatus comprising:

a demodulator which demodulates data modulated in accordance with the modulation rule;

a temporal store which stores the data demodulated by the demodulator;

an error-corrector which error-corrects the demodulated data stored in the temporal store based on the error correction code, the error-corrected data being stored in the temporal store;

a reproducer which reproduces the superimposed information concerning copying consent from the error-corrected data processed by the error-corrector and stored in the temporal store; and

an output controller which performs output control of the error-corrected data based on the reproduced information concerning copying consent stored in the temporal store;

04 wherein the output controller stops outputting the error-corrected data if both (1) the error-corrected data was reproduced from the medium dedicated to reproduction and (2) the reproduced information concerning copying consent stored in the temporal store indicates that copying once was permitted.

8. (Amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 7, wherein the temporal store is a RAM.

9. (Amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 8, wherein the demodulator, the error-corrector, and the copying consent information reproducer are connected to the RAM.

10. (Amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 9, wherein the RAM is constituted by a single RAM.

11. (Amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 8, wherein the copying consent information reproducer, the demodulator, the error-corrector, and the RAM are integrated in a single semiconductor device.

64 12. (Amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction and/or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data recorded thereon, the video data and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal which has undergone addition of an error correction code for error correction and then been modulated in accordance with a modulation rule adapted for the recording medium, the reproduction apparatus comprising:

a demodulator which demodulates data modulated in accordance with the modulation rule;

a temporal store which stores the data demodulated by the demodulator;

an error-corrector which error-corrects the demodulated data stored in the temporal store based on the error correction code, the error-corrected data being stored in the temporal store;

a reproducer which reproduces the superimposed information concerning copying consent from the error-corrected data processed by the error-corrector and stored in the temporal store; and

a reproduction stopper which stops reproduction of the error-corrected data in accordance with the information concerning copying consent from the copying consent information reproducer;

wherein the demodulator, the temporal store, the error-corrector, the copying consent information reproducer, and the reproduction stopper are integrated in a single semiconductor device; and

wherein the reproduction stopper stops reproduction of the error-corrected data if both (1) the error-corrected data was reproduced from the medium dedicated to reproduction and (2) the information concerning copying consent from the copying consent information reproducer indicates that copying once was permitted.

13. (Amended) A method for reproducing from a medium dedicated to reproduction and/or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data recorded thereon, the video data and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal which has undergone addition of an error correction code

for error correction and then been modulated in accordance with a modulation rule adapted for the recording medium, in a reproduction apparatus including a demodulator which demodulates data in accordance with the modulation rule,

a temporal store which stores the data demodulated by the demodulator,

an error-corrector which error-corrects the demodulated data stored in the temporal store based on the error correction code, the error-corrected data being stored in the temporal store,

04 a reproducer which reproduces the superimposed information concerning copying consent from the error-corrected data processed by the error-corrector and stored in the temporal store, and

an output controller which performs output control of the error-corrected data,

the method comprising the steps of:

demodulating modulated data by the demodulator;

temporarily storing the demodulated data in the temporal store;

error-correcting the demodulated data stored in the temporal store by the error-corrector, the error-corrected data being stored in the temporal store;

reproducing the superimposed information concerning copying consent from the error-corrected data stored in the temporal store by the copying consent information reproducer; and



performing output control of the error-corrected data by the output controller in accordance with the information concerning copying consent reproduced by the copying consent information reproducer;

wherein the step of performing output control of the error-corrected data includes the step of stopping outputting the error-corrected data by the output controller if both (1) the error-corrected data was reproduced from the medium dedicated to reproduction and (2) the reproduced information concerning copying consent stored in the temporal store indicates that copying once was permitted.

C4 14. (Amended) A method for reproducing from a medium dedicated to reproduction and/or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data recorded thereon, the video data and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal which has undergone addition of an error correction code for error correction and then been modulated in accordance with a modulation rule adapted for the recording medium, in a reproduction apparatus including

demodulating means for demodulating data in accordance with the modulation rule,

temporal store means for storing the data demodulated by the demodulating means,

error-correcting means for error-correcting the demodulated data stored in the temporal store means based on the error correction code, the error-corrected data being stored in the temporal store means,

reproducing means for reproducing the superimposed information concerning copying consent from the error-corrected data processed by the error-correcting means and stored in the temporal store means, and

output control means for performing output control of the error-corrected data,

the method comprising the steps of:

demodulating modulated data by the demodulating means;

temporarily storing the demodulated data in the temporal store means;

error-correcting the demodulated data stored in the temporal store means by the error-correcting means, the error-corrected data being stored in the temporal store means;

reproducing the superimposed information concerning copying consent from the error-corrected data stored in the temporal store means by the copying consent information reproducing means; and

performing output control of the error-corrected data by the output control means in accordance with the information concerning copying consent reproduced by the copying consent information reproducing means;

wherein the step of performing output control of the error-corrected data includes the step of stopping outputting the error-corrected data by the